

C. G. & N. BEGINS FIGHT TO HOLDUP MERRIWETHER ST.

Chris F. Betten, Auditor For Road Asks Property Owners To Oppose Improvement.

TELLS THEM ROAD'LL SUE IF THEY DON'T

Officials Attempt to Coerce People Fails—Two Men Spurn Request.

Chris Betten, auditor for the Cape Girardeau & Northern Railway, has begun a campaign to defeat the proposed improvement of Merriwether street.

He is making a canvass among the property owners in the district to be improved, urging them to sign a remonstrance against the project.

Mr. Betten has informed several residents of Merriwether street that in the event the improvement is ordered, the property owners will be sued by the Cape Girardeau & Northern Railroad to recover the amount it must spend for the construction of a steel bridge over the street.

Mr. Betten also has informed property owners, they say, that the people owning land adjacent to Happy Hollow will be compelled to pay for filling in this hole in the ground.

John H. Stratman and Al Dittlinger, two Merriwether property owners, have been approached by Mr. Betten and asked to sign his remonstrance. Both refused. He has also interviewed a number of others owning property along the route of the proposed improvement, and urged them to oppose the plan of the city to remove the hump from the back of Merriwether street. It is said he has obtained the names of three men, but their identity has not been revealed.

Betten informed Mr. Stratman that the railroad would force the people to pay for the construction of the bridge. He also stated that the property owners would be compelled to bear the expense of filling in Happy Hollow on the north and south sides of Merriwether street.

A city official last night informed The Tribune that the cost of constructing the railroad bridge would fall upon the Cape Girardeau & Northern Railway and that the railroad company would also have to fill in the holes flanking the street on the north and south, because the railroad owned that property.

The plan to improve Merriwether street has been before the City Council for several years. The Cape Girardeau & Northern Railroad is blamed by the property owners for the failure to open this thoroughfare. The railroad has been able to block the work heretofore, and property owners announced when the movement was revived a few months ago that the Cape Girardeau & Northern would certainly fight the plan again.

The proposed work is merely to make Merriwether street navigable from one end to the other.

At present those who live east of Lorimer street are compelled to take a long and round about course if they go west on Merriwether. And the same conditions apply to those residents who live west of Lorimer street and desire to go east.

A majority of the property owners along this street have favored the plan to remove the hump and join East and West Merriwether, but the Cape Girardeau & Northern has steadfastly refused to give its consent. It has attempted to throttle the project and has been successful thus far. But the property owners have assumed an aggressive attitude and are determined to carry the project to success.

GENERAL DIES OF CHOLERA

Austrian Was Only One of Staff Who Refused to Be Inoculated.

Zurich, Switzerland, via London, Aug. 4.—The number of cases of Asiatic cholera in the Austrian empire on Aug. 1 totaled 629, according to an official announcement made today in Vienna.

Among those who succumbed to the disease was Gen. von Ziegler, the commander of an army corps, who was the only officer of the entire staff who refused to be inoculated against cholera.

MORRIS HUTTMAN SAYS HE ROBBED MUELLER MARKET

Tells Chief Hutson He Didn't Enter Brown's and Deever's In Haarig.

SAYS HE PLANNED TO ROB OSTERLOH STORE

Chief Looking For Confederate of "Reformatory Graduate"—Arrest Likely.

Morris Huttman, a Reformatory "graduate" and well known character in Haarig, yesterday broke down and made a confession to Chief of Police Jeff Hutson, telling in detail how he robbed the Mueller Bros. Branch Meat Market on Good Hope street in Haarig early Tuesday morning.

"Hutty," as he is popularly known on the South Side, declared in his confession so far elicited, that he confined his operations to the meat shop and declined to offer a suggestion as to how the Deever Bros. feed store, next door, and the Braun Bros. Grocery, three doors removed down the street were looted on the same night.

He admits to the police it looks "mighty peculiar." At the same time he confessed that he had planned to pull off two other "jobs" in the last week.

Huttman surrendered himself Tuesday evening to Chief Hutson asking at that time what he was wanted for. The chief held him pending investigation and began "sweating" his prisoner for an explanation of his presence near the scene of the robbery about the time it was supposed to have been committed.

Huttman early yesterday afternoon finally signified his desire to tell about the robbery.

He said he looted the meat market late the night before about closing time in order to get an idea of the loot that might be obtained if the "job" should be pulled off. He talked about his Reformatory experiences with the clerks in the meat market and "philosophized" on the treatment that big and little "crooks" receive.

Sometime after midnight, his story was, he returned to the meat market, clambered up to the transom, ripped off the screen, and reaching inside, pushed open the window. He declared that he got from the cash register only \$27.

He was accompanied by a confederate, he acknowledged to the police, but it is said he has steadfastly refused to tell the name of the accomplice. The police, however, still are looking for a man whose identity they have been advised of.

"Hutty" denied that he had opened the door leading in Deever Bros. feed store next door and attempted to loot the money drawer and destroyed a sack of flour.

Chief Hutson, last night declared he had reason to believe that "Hutty" was "mistaken" about that statement. Huttman will be taken before Prosecuting Attorney Caruthers this morning when he will be questioned further in regard to his connection with the other two jobs.

Huttman declared that he and his accomplice had made their plans to enter the Mueller Bros. Meat Market on Broadway.

He told the details of an attempt he made last Saturday night to rob the Osterloh Book Store on Main street near Broadway.

He said that he had climbed to the roof in the rear part of the building and had succeeded in raising a skylight to effect an entrance. Huttman declared that he desisted from the work because he was afraid that the noise of his entering through the skylight would sound an alarm and frustrate the "job."

The transom had been raised and the skylight tampered with, according to Miss Osterloh.

Huttman is only 17 years old. He was sentenced to two years in the Reformatory for burglary in Cape Girardeau. He had been released from that institution about 3 or 4 months ago.

When he gave himself up to the police, a search failed to disclose any money upon him. He declared his accomplice on the robbery "job" got away with the swag.

The police believe the other man they are searching for still is in town and they expect to turn him up within

CAPE GIRL WEDS MAN WHOM HER PHOTO CHARMED

Otto G. Miller of St. Louis Takes Miss Mansfield, 17, For His Bride.

COUPLE'S PLEADING WINS THEM LICENSE

Recorder Sends Chaperone to Girl's Mother—Bridegroom's Roll Would Clog Sewer.

The romance of a 17-year-old Cape Girardeau girl with a St. Louisian who fell in love with her photograph last September, yesterday was temporarily blighted when a marriage license was refused the couple at Jackson, then brought to a happy conclusion after a wild automobile ride to the Cape to obtain the consent of the girl's mother and find Mayor Kage, who performed the marriage ceremony.

The pleadings of both the bride and bridegroom, Miss Cecil Mansfield and Otto George Miller were of no avail when they made their application to Recorder G. F. Siemers at Jackson for their license.

The bridegroom is 24 years old, but the bride blushing confessed that she counted only 17 summers. Siemers could not see his way clear toward granting the license despite the fact that the bridegroom displayed a bank roll big enough to choke up a sewer.

The inducement was unavailing and the couple set to scheming in another direction.

A bargain was eventually struck whereby Siemers offered to issue the license, placing it in the hands of Sam Vandivort, abstractor, who was to accompany the couple to the Cape, where as notary public he was to attest the consent of the bride's mother.

By the time this arrangement had been made it was getting late. The party jumped into an automobile and speeded for the Cape and to the Mansfield residence at 236 North Fountain street.

After a short parley at the Mansfield home, the couple soon convinced the mother, Mrs. Columbia Mansfield, that her daughter was old enough to marry. The mother's signature was affixed to the application and the bridal party started in search of Mayor Kage to perform the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Louis Mansfield. About a year ago, she had had a post card picture made of herself together with a young man who was a close friend to the family.

He subsequently went to St. Louis where he met Miller and showed Miller the picture. Miller became enamored. He obtained Miss Mansfield's address and at once a correspondence started that ended with their engagement to be married.

Miller came to the Cape Tuesday to claim his bride and it was arranged between them that they would go to Jackson for the license and have the ceremony performed quietly.

Miller is an employee of the St. Louis Club in St. Louis, one of the ultra fashionable exclusive social organizations of the Mound City. The couple will depart for St. Louis today and will make their home on Franklin avenue there.

WOW! ZEPPELIN-SHAPED WATERMELONS REACH CAPE

John Hunter Presents The Tribune With Two Home-Grown Giants.

Two giant Zeppelin-shaped watermelons "cruised" into the office of The Tribune yesterday morning.

They were immense representatives of Missouri's great product and their war-like appearance struck almost as much terror into the hearts of the staff

a few hours. All trains have been carefully watched and police in surrounding towns have been notified to be on the look-out.

Huttman is an orphan. He was born and reared in Cape Girardeau. According to reports that have been circulated and complaints that have been made to the police, it is believed that he has been systematically picking the pockets of bathers at Hely's Lake, south of the Cape.

It is proposed to inquire into this feature of his operations today.

BIG CHIEFS MEET IN GLACIER PARK



Many-Tail-Feathers, chief of the Blackfeet Indians, and John J. Fitzgerald, chairman of the house appropriations committee and a big chief of Tammany Hall, in Glacier National park, Montana, near which is the Blackfeet reservation. The appropriations committee, which under the new reclamation extension law has the say of how much money is to be expended on reclamation projects, has been touring the West inspecting this work.

NEGROES CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY

Three Picnics Held in County—Jackson Outing is Biggest Attraction.

Darkies, old and young alike, from all parts of the county yesterday got out time-worn plug hats, stately black Prince Albert coats, creamy-white "biled" shirts or war-time "dickeys" to look their best when celebrating the commemoration of Emancipation Day.

It was the negroes' "Fourth of July" and they made the most of it. The big picnic was held in Jackson where the Giants of Farmington and the Cyclones of Jackson clashed on the baseball diamond, where barbecued meat was plentiful and all the other dainties that accompany a genuine old Southern Barbecue.

A special train carried several hundred colored folks from the Cape to Jackson, over the Cape Girardeau and Northern. Many drove into Jackson from all parts of the county.

Former Senator Thomas F. Lane and Prosecuting Attorney J. H. Caruthers went to Jackson, where they were scheduled for Emancipation Day addresses.

Not only the men were there, but all the darkie women and "swarms" of pickaninnies. The women donned their best gingham aprons, and sun-bonnets for the occasion and the pickaninnies soiled many a fresh laundered white waist in the midst of the "eats."

President Lincoln's first Emancipation Proclamation was given to the world January 1, 1863, when the war of the rebellion was half fought. At the close of the conflict it was determined that August 4 should be the date whereon all negroes are to celebrate their liberation from serfdom.

Lincoln made his Emancipation proclamation in the midst of one of the darkest hours of the Northern cause and in many political circles at that time, it was regarded as a hopeless move.

In Cape Girardeau, the negroes held a picnic at the Baptist Church in Haarig and a large gathering went to Judan Creek, four miles north of the Cape, to celebrate the day with a picnic.

William Farrer, a negro chauffeur for a pressing and cleaning concern in the Cape, was arrested for speeding on West Broadway last night, while he was occupied in driving picnickers to and from the scene of the celebration. He was released on a bond. His speed was 25 miles an hour.

members as would a real German war craft, could it sail into the Cape.

The melons were raised by John Hunter of Morley, and he declares he has almost an unlimited supply, so that no neutrality laws must be broken in the Cape in order to obtain ammunition of that character this summer.

Each of the Zeppelins measured probably 18 inches in diameter and more than three feet in length. They have not yet been cut, but it is altogether probable that their rinds will prove to be bomb-proof.

FORNELT WILL LET CONTRACT TONIGHT

Three Cape Girardeauans Bid For \$36,000 Paving Job in Tri-City.

The City Council of Fornfelt will award a \$36,000 contract at its regular meeting tonight for the construction of 28,000 yards of paved streets.

This task will virtually put every thoroughfare in that city in excellent condition, from the eastern to the western limits of the municipality.

Three Cape Girardeau contractors have submitted bids for the work. They are: Herman Loeffel, John H. Rouse and F. W. Keller. The awards will be made shortly after 7 o'clock this evening.

Fornfelt has made unusual progress in improvements during the present year, in spite of the conditions that exist elsewhere. For new buildings, it has made a record. Fornfelt is one of the tri-cities which boast of one of the largest railroad terminals in the State.

Fornfelt is located eight miles south of Cape Girardeau, and it is difficult to determine where the limits of that city end and where Illinois and Edna begin.

CAPT. VON MUECKE OF THE EMDEN IS MARRIED

Man Who Piloted Marooned Company Home Takes Wife in Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 4, by wireless to Sayville.—At the country estate of Karl Finke, at Oelshausen, Capt. von Muecke, who was one of the officers on board the cruiser Emden which was destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney in the Pacific last November, was married to Miss Carl A. Finke.

The members of the crew of the Emden who reached Germany some time ago were present as witnesses.

Capt. von Muecke was one of a party of the Emden's crew, marooned on an island in the Indian Ocean, and was not on board the cruiser when she was attacked by the Sydney. He, with his companions, finally made his way back to Germany.

MAYOR OF NASHVILLE, ARMED, SEEKS FOE OF ADMINISTRATION

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 4.—Mayor Howse, around whom Nashville's city hall scandal is centered, heavily armed, went in search today of Lee Brock, referee in bankruptcy, who with other citizens is fighting the administration. He had the City Marshal and a heavy body-guard with him. The Mayor was aroused by a statement in which Brock said: "We must rid Nashville of the thralldom of thieves."

The Mayor armed himself and sought redress. The first place he struck was the fashionable Hermitage Club. After creating considerable disturbance and failing to find Brock, the Mayor was told to get out.

Mayor Howse is under suspension by recent ouster proceedings for alleged violation of the city charter.

GERMANY AGREES TO PAY U. S. FOR THE LOSS OF FRYE

But Kaiser Denies By Sinking American Ship He Violated the Treaty of 1799-1828 as Washington Claimed.

SUGGESTS EACH GOVERNMENT NAME MAN TO ADJUST CLAIM

Requests That If Uncle Sam Isn't Satisfied Question be Taken to the Hague—Troops Go to El Paso.

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune)

Washington, Aug. 4.—The State Department tonight gave out the latest note of Germany in the case of the William P. Frye, an American vessel which was sunk by the German cruiser, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, on January 28.

Germany rejects the contention of the United States that in sinking the Frye Germany violated the treaty of 1799-1828. The Imperial Government insists that the treaty stipulations merely oblige Germany to compensate for the damage sustained by American citizens in the sinking of the vessel.

Germany suggests that each Government designate an expert who shall fix the amount of indemnity for the vessel and any American property which may have been sunk with her. This indemnity, the note says, will be promptly paid.

If this plan of settlement is unsatisfactory to the United States, Germany suggests that the entire question of application of the treaty be submitted to the Hague.

Germany's proposition is not likely to be accepted by the United States. It is believed that the United States, if it accepts Germany's suggestion, it will reserve the right to protest under the treaty in case a German vessel sinks another American ship under conditions similar to the Frye sinking. The United States, it is said, will also reserve the right to appeal to the International Tribunal for a decision regarding the application of the treaty stipulations.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The War Department, acting upon a request from the State Department today, ordered a battery of artillery from Ft. Sill, Okla., to El Paso, Tex., to be ready for an emergency.

Athens, Greece, Aug. 4.—The British, French, Russian and Italian Ministers at Athens visited M. Gounaris, the Greek Premier, today, and made united representations regarding the political situation.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 4.—The forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria are now hurling themselves against the fortresses defending Warsaw, according to the official statement given out today by the army headquarters staff.

The statement adds that the Russians have been thrown from their position at Blonie, 15 miles west of the Polish capital, back on to the outer line of defenses of the city.

The statement follows:

"In the eastern theater: In pursuit of the retreating enemy our troops reached the district of Kupischki, 25 miles east of Poniewiez.

"North of Lomza the Russians were pushed back to the advanced defense positions of the fortress.

"East Prussian and West Prussian regiments captured after heavy fighting at the Narew crossing near Ostrolenka, which was strengthened by field fortifications. Several thousands of Russians were taken prisoners and 17 machine guns were captured. Our pursuit of the enemy is proceeding.

"Before Warsaw, the Russians were thrown from the Blonie position into the outer line of the fortresses. The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria is attacking the fortress.

"The attack of the German troops and the army of Gen. von Woyrsch are in possession of the west part of the fortress of Ivangorod to the Vistula River.

"The enemy yesterday also attempted to arrest the advance of the army of Field Marshal von Mackensen, but he again was defeated near Enezna, northeast of Chelm and west of the Bug River. Since early this morning the defeated enemy has been retreating between the Vistula and Bug rivers in a northerly direction.

"Near the south of Uscilug, on the Bug, the enemy also is retreating."

Washington, Aug. 4.—President Wilson's reply to the latest British notes rejecting the American demands for relief from interference with neutral commerce under the orders in council, is virtually ready to be dispatched to London.

Although Great Britain's notes were made public only last night and the State Department received them only Monday, the American Government knew the British views through informal conferences between American and British officials here and in London, and had framed its reply before the notes actually were received. It is believed there will be little change in the answer already prepared when it goes to London.

The American reply will continue to contest the legality of taking ships from the high seas on voyages to neutral ports. It is understood the American Government will differentiate from ships on the high seas and ships which go to British ports or which attempt to run blockade lines. The British argument that American commerce had not suffered also will be contested.

In all quarters it seems to be agreed that the controversy has reached the stage of an academic discussion with some evidences of a trend toward ultimate submission to an international arbitral commission as a way out of the deadlock.

Great Britain, it is declared will continue to apply the orders in council, but with every effort to avoid embarrassments to neutrals.

It is denied that international law is violated by the blockading of neutral ports to cut off an enemy's commerce with foreign countries and Great Britain declines to allow the free passage of goods originating in Germany and territory under German control.